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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA: AGENDA ITEM 65 - MID-TERM REVIEW AND
APPRAISAL

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1. DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADERSHIP ELEMENTS LDCS AND DCS
INDICATE GROWING RECOGNITION THAT SEVENTH SESSION RESOLU-
TION COVERED MAIN ISSUES OF DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
AND HAS IN KEY AREAS OVERTAKEN PREVIOUS WORK OF REVIEW
AND APPRAISAL COMMITTEE INCLUDING G-77 DRAFT REVISION
OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. CONTINUING
CORRIDOR CONVERSATION REVEALS GROWING CONSENSUS THAT
IT IS TOO SOON TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS THOSE ISSUES AGAIN
AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND REVISION
OF THE STRATEGY (MTR) SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL OTHER KEY
ECONOMIC EVENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THESE INCLUDE PARIS
OCTOBER PREPCON AND SUBSEQUENT MINISTERIAL LEVEL
CONFERENCE TO CREATE COMMISSIONS ON ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS,
DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND RELATED FINANCIAL
QUESTIONS. ALSO INCLUDED ARE THE PROJECTED COMMISSION
MEETINGS AND UNCTAD IV AT ITS NAIROBI MEETING IN
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2. LDC DELS IN NEW YORK FOCUSING URGENTLY ON PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE AND WE ARE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THERE IS INTENSE LOBBYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GROUP OF 18 LDC REPRESENTATIVES. LATIN GROUP REPORTEDLY WILL CONSIST OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, MEXICO, PERU, VENEZUELA, PLUS CARIBBEAN COUNTRY.

3. IN LDC SCENARIO PREPCON AND FORTHCOMING. COMMISSION MEETINGS WOULD LIKELY BE SEEN AS TESTING GROUND FOR DC/LDC COOPERATION AS CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF FOLLOW-UP TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. EARLY SPRING WOULD BE PERIOD FOR LDC ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS AND FORMULATION OF TACTICS FOR UNCTAD IV. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF MID-TERM REVIEW SHOULD ACCORDINGLY BE DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT YEAR AND POSSIBLY UNTIL NEXT BIENNIAL ASSESSMENT IN 1977.

4. ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT THE 30TH UNGA COULD LIKELY BE TO JOIN ITEM 65 WITH ITEM 123 ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF SEVENTH SESSION AND TO DRAFT, SAY IN NOVEMBER, SOME OMNIBUS PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION TO REFER ACTIONS TO APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS, ON SOME SCHEDULE YET TO BE DEvised. LDCS WILL LIKELY SEEK UNGA TIE IN WITH ALL SUCH ACTIONS.

5. ABOVE REPRESENTS ONE VIEW OF POSSIBLE SCENARIO AND COMPOSITE PICTURE EMERGING FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR RYDBECK AND MINISTER THORSSON (SWEDEN), MINISTER PEREZ-GUERRERO (VENEZUELA), COUNSELLOR CABRIC (YUGOSLAVIA), AUSTRALIAN, JORDANIAN, UK AND OTHER DELEGATES. IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS GENERAL LINE MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALGERIA AND THAT NETHERLANDS IS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING MTR POSTPONEMENT TO NEXT BIENNIAL REVIEW.

6. WHILE ABOVE PLAN FOR HANDLING AGENDA ITEM 65 IS BY NO MEANS FIRM NOR GENERALLY ENDORSED, USDEL FEELS IT IS CONSISTENT US INTERESTS AND THAT WE SHOULD PROMOTE ITS ACCEPTANCE. WE DO NOT OF COURSE INTERPRET

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LDC SENTIMENT RE MID-TERM REVIEW AS NECESSARILY SUGGESTING THEY PLAN TO LET OTHER IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEMS SLIDE. THEY, LIKE DCS, WISH TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM GENERATED BY SPECIAL SESSION AS WELL AS PURSUING TACTICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIVES ON PARTICULAR ISSUES.
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